

Definitions

The following list, in alphabetical order, provides examples of strategies commonly used to provide instruction and learning opportunities for advanced academic and talented students. All students at all levels of ability will be provided with classroom opportunities for **differentiated instruction** to meet their needs.

Advanced Placement (AP) Classes-AP classes are available for academic subjects at the high school. At the end of the course students may take the AP test to potentially qualify for college transfer credit. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the high school Counseling Department.

Compacting-Compacting provides an opportunity for students to pretest and demonstrate what they already know in the curriculum. Students can "buy" time in an academic area to work on other challenging or creative activities.

Differentiation-Differentiation provides students with different learning opportunities within the classroom.

Enrichment-These are creative and academic activities that promote a higher level of challenge while working outside the classroom curriculum.

Extensions-These activities promote a higher level of challenge while working within the classroom curriculum.

Flexible Grouping-These are groups that are unit or project specific and short term.

Honors Classes-Honors classes are available for academic subjects at the high school. Students must qualify with specific criteria. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the high school Counseling Department.

Learning Contracts-When the curriculum is compacted, students sign a learning contract that explains behavioral and academic responsibilities for independent learning.

Mentorship-Students are matched with a community member who is an expert in an academic field.

On-Line Classes-This is an opportunity for students to take a course not offered in our district. There are specific criteria for eligibility.